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Wednesday, June 3, 2020

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Mountlake Terrace COVID-19 Relief Fund Now Taking Applications

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The fund — administered by partner organizations participating in the [Keep MLT Strong](#) effort — is aimed at helping Mountlake Terrace residents get caught up on utility bills that may have gone unpaid due to financial hardships associated with the pandemic. Fund administrators will be making payments directly to the utility owners on behalf of the applicants.

Those applying must be Mountlake Terrace residents who have had their income impacted by COVID-19. To apply, you will need an image or PDF of the bill you are asking for help with. The fund will pay up to one billing cycle for one utility bill to applicants who qualify as long as funding is available.

Priority will be given to City of Mountlake Terrace water/sewer/storm bills. Snohomish County PUD and Puget Sound Energy bills also qualify and, in some circumstances, internet bills will be accepted.

Once you submit an application, a Keep MLT Strong volunteer will be in touch with you to discuss your request. A submitted application is not a guarantee of assistance.

The relief fund now stands at \$22,000, with \$20,000 donated by Calvary Fellowship in Mountlake Terrace. The fund is still accepting individual donations, which will be processed through the Mountlake Terrace Community Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible. You can donate [here](#).

For more information please read the [article](#) and visit Keep MLT Strong's [webpage](#) and [Facebook page](#).

Gov. Inslee Held a Press Conference Today

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Tune into [TVW](#) to watch the recording.

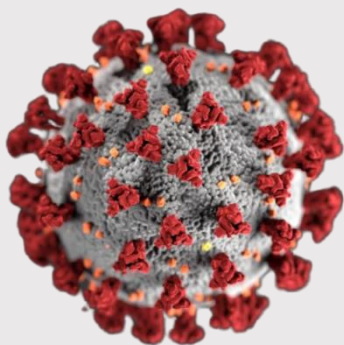
Updated COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard Provides Deeper Insight into Regional and County Trends

Gov. Jay Inslee and the state's Joint Information Center have launched an updated version of the state's [COVID-19 risk assessment dashboard](#). The updated dashboard provides researchers and the public a better ability to see what's happening at the regional and county level when it comes to COVID-19 activity, testing, and healthcare system readiness.

Friendly Reminder: Please Wear Your Face Covering

Wearing face coverings when near others in public remains key to fighting COVID-19 in Snohomish County. Please also:

- Practice safe social distancing
- Stay home if you're feeling sick
- Limit non-essential travel
- Wash your hands

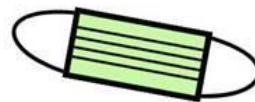


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INSLEE EXTENDS EVICTION MORATORIUM

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Caring for Cloth Face Covers



SAFE WASHING AND STORAGE



HOW TO SAFELY DONATE FACE COVERS

HOME FACE COVER MAKERS:

Please wash/dry face covers on high heat before donating. Wash your hands before removing from dryer and place covers directly in new plastic baggies.

AFTER GETTING YOUR DONATED FACE COVERS:

Place directly in washing machine. Immediately dispose of plastic baggie and wash your hands. Wash/dry on high heat settings. Wash your hands before removing from dryer and place in storage bag. Wash after each use.



Inslee Extends Eviction Moratorium

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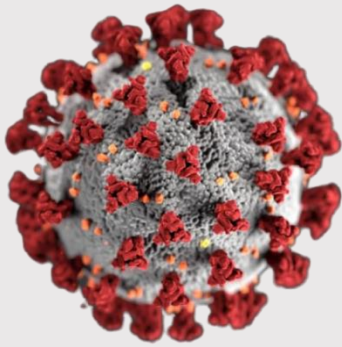
[Proclamation 20-19.2](#) extends the prior eviction moratorium for 60 days (through August 1), and makes modifications to the prior moratorium. The modifications include, but are not limited to:

- Prohibiting retaliation against any tenant who invokes rights or protections under the proclamation;
- Permitting eviction based on property damage, except for damage that is not urgent in nature, including conditions that were known or knowable to the landlord prior to the COVID-19 crisis;
- Establishing a defense to any lawsuit for tenants if a landlord fails to offer a reasonable repayment plan;
- Establishing a minimum of a 14-day length of stay at a hotel, motel or at other non-traditional dwelling situations in order to trigger the application of this proclamation to those dwelling situations; and
- Allowing owners to evict tenants if the owner plans to occupy or sell the property, after providing at least 60 days' notice; and
- Exempting commercial property rent increases that were executed in a rental agreement prior to the date the state of emergency was declared, on February 29.

Other restrictions, including the prohibition on assessing late fees or other charges, are continued in this order.

The proclamation also encourages landlords and tenants to communicate in good faith with one another, and to work together on the timing and terms of payment and repayment solutions.





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INSLEE ISSUES GUIDANCE FOR THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY

Gov. Jay Inslee issued guidance Tuesday further clarifying requirements for the agricultural industry.

INSLEE ISSUES GUIDANCE FOR LIBRARIES, DRIVE-IN THEATERS IN PHASES 1 AND 2

Yesterday, Gov. Jay Inslee issued guidance for library operations and drive-in theater operations.

NEW DOH BLOG POST: RISKING YOUR HEALTH TO FIGHT RACISM

The Washington State Department of Health published a new blog post addressing racism as a public health threat. The post includes steps to take to protect your health if you choose to participate in peaceful protests.

[Read the full proclamation here.](#)

Inslee Issues Guidance for the Agricultural Industry

Gov. Jay Inslee on issued [guidance Tuesday](#) further clarifying requirements for the agricultural industry.

This comes after the governor issued [Proclamation 20-57](#) last week concerning the health of agricultural workers. It also builds on the [Agricultural Safety Plan](#) released on May 28 and [previous guidance](#) from the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries.

Guidance documents:

[Agricultural Safety Plan Interpretive Guidance](#)

[Full list of guidance for all current businesses.](#)

Inslee Issues Guidance for Libraries, Drive-In Theaters in Phases 1 and 2

Gov. Jay Inslee issued guidance for library operations, including plans to resume service through the Washington Talking Book and Braille Library, in Phase 1 and Phase 2, and drive-in theater operations for Phase 2.

Guidance documents:

- Memo: [Re-opening the Washington Talking Book and Braille Library Phase 1](#)
- [Re-opening the Washington Talking Book and Braille Library Phase 1 Guidance](#)
- Memo: [Resuming Library Service, Phase 2 Requirements](#)
- [Resuming Library Services Phase 2 Guidance](#)
- Memo: [Drive-in Theater Requirements](#)
- [Drive-in Theater Phase 2 Guidance](#)

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New DOH Blog Post: Risking Your Health to Fight Racism

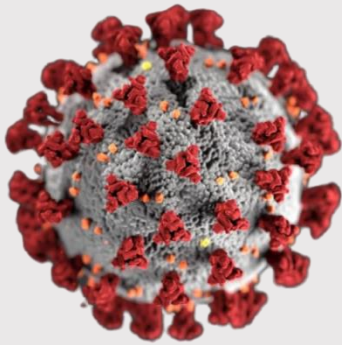
The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has published a new blog post describing racism as a public health threat. DOH advises that addressing racism is critical to protecting public health and the well-being of our communities.

Even outdoors, gathering in a large group to peacefully protest can increase your risk of catching COVID-19. The level of risk depends on how close you are to others, how long you stay in close contact, and how many people are gathered. If you are going to attend a protest with a large number of people, you cannot remove all risk.

If you decide to take that risk, please protect yourself and others as much as you can:

- Wear a cloth face covering.
- Try to stay six feet away from other people as much as possible.
- Stay home if you are even a little bit sick.
- Take hand sanitizer with you and use it frequently. Don't pass up an opportunity to wash your hands with soap and water.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

For more information please read DOH's [blog post](#).



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WASHINGTON STATE WINS SECOND GRANT TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC RECOVERY FROM COVID-19

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BASIC FOOD EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH DSHS

The BFET program provides employment readiness opportunities to Basic Food (SNAP) recipients who are not participating in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

KREIDLER EXTENDS EMERGENCY ORDER TO JULY 3 FOR WAIVING DEDUCTIBLES AND COPAYS FOR CORONAVIRUS TESTING

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler extended his emergency order to July 3 requiring insurers to waive copays and deductibles for coronavirus testing.

Washington State Wins Second Grant to Support Economic Recovery from COVID-19

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The state's Employment Security Department said it partnered with the Washington Workforce Association, the state Workforce Board and other key stakeholders to win two National Dislocated Worker Grants. In total, the Department of Labor has awarded \$24 million in recovery grants to Washington — the largest amount of any state to date.

This award aims to help the state pivot toward economic recovery by employing people immediately when possible, while providing others with training for the jobs of the future.

The emphasis for distribution of these funds will be on equity for vulnerable populations and maximizing workforce program efforts that help people get living wage jobs.

"We are doing all we can to help Washingtonians impacted financially by COVID and this is another great resource to help us do that," said Gov. Jay Inslee. "These collaborative efforts to bring funds, innovation and support to workforce development initiatives across Washington help ensure this continues to be a place where all families and communities have the opportunity to thrive."

People who have lost their job through no fault of their own are eligible to get benefits under the grant rules. If interested, they should contact their [local WorkSource center](#) via phone or email. All WorkSource offices currently are closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information please read the [article](#).

Basic Food Employment and Training Services Available Through DSHS

Washington State's Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) offers a Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET) program. The BFET program provides employment readiness opportunities to Basic Food (SNAP) recipients who are not participating in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

For more information please visit DSHS' [webpage](#).

Some of the services provided include:

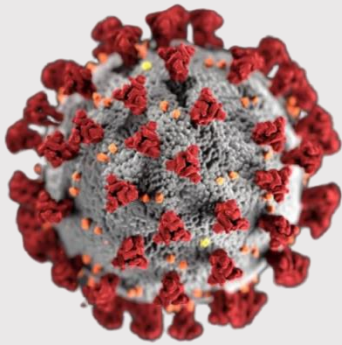
- Job coaching
- Job search assistance
- Post-employment support
- Assistance with gas and bus vouchers, interview and work clothing, childcare, hygiene, and much more!

Kreidler Extends Emergency Order to July 3 for Waiving Deductibles and Copays for Coronavirus Testing

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler extended his [emergency order](#) to Washington state health insurers for an additional 30 days, requiring them to waive copays and deductibles for any consumer requiring testing for coronavirus (COVID-19).

Insurers also must continue:

- Allowing a one-time early refill for prescription drugs.



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L&I ISSUES NEW GUIDANCE FOR WHEN WORKERS SHOULD USE FACE COVERINGS AND RESPIRATORS

L&I's Division of Occupational Safety and Health issued new guidance for workers on when to use cloth face coverings and respirators. Links at right.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT OFFERS RETURN-TO-WORK RESOURCES

ESD has developed a Return-To-Work FAQ to address common worker and employer questions.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

See the list at right for up-to-date resources for small businesses.

- Suspending any prior authorization requirement for treatment or testing of COVID-19.
- In addition, if an insurer does not have enough medical providers in its network to provide testing or treatment for COVID-19, it must allow enrollees to be treated by another provider within a reasonable distance at no additional cost.

The extension is effective immediately and applies to all state-regulated health insurance plans and short-term limited duration medical plans until July 3, 2020.

Read the full release [here](#).

L&I Issues New Guidance for When Workers Should Use Face Coverings and Respirators

The Division of Occupational Safety and Health at the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) issued new guidance for workers on when to use cloth facial coverings and respirators: [Which Mask for Which Task](#). Complete guidance for workers and businesses is found [here](#).

Beginning June 8, all employees will be required to wear a cloth facial covering, except when working alone in an office, vehicle, or at a job site, or when the job has no in-person interaction. Employers must provide cloth facial coverings to employees, unless their exposure dictates a higher level of protection under the Department of Labor and Industries' safety and health rules and guidance. Employees may choose to wear their own facial coverings at work, provided it meets the minimum requirements.

For more information please read L&I's new [guidance](#).

Employment Security Department Offers Return-To-Work Resources

ESD has developed a Return-To-Work FAQ to address common worker and employer questions. Can workers refuse work and collect unemployment? Are workers that fall ill eligible for unemployment? Answers to these and other questions can be found under [Workers Q&A](#) and [Business Q&A](#).

ESD's [SharedWork](#) provides employers flexibility to bring employees back and retain their workers at reduced hours. The program offers partial unemployment benefits to workers whose hours are reduced by as much as 50 percent. Employees can begin to return to work and earn nearly a full paycheck.

[Watch ESD's SharedWork program overview video.](#)

Additional Resources for Small Businesses

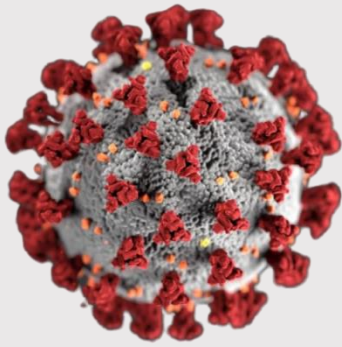
Safe Start Details New Requirements for All Employers

New, universal workplace safety requirements have been instituted under the Safe Start plan as a broad defense against the spread of COVID-19 at Washington workplaces.

The requirements encompass facial coverings, personal protective equipment, physical distancing, hand sanitation, surface sanitation, [employee education](#), development of policy for ill employees, and compliance with emergency workplace guidance issued by the State of Washington.

[See the full Safe Start plan for more information.](#)

Small Business Requirements and Resources Webinar by the state's Small Business Liaison Team



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WASHINGTON HCA ISSUES STATEMENT ON HEALTH EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Washington Health Care Authority (HCA) issued a statement on health equity and social justice amid COVID-19.

This [regular webinar series](#) offers information specific to small businesses, and a panel of state agency representatives respond to live Q&A.

COVID-19 Business Checklist by Challenge Seattle

Challenge Seattle's [COVID-19 Business Checklist](#) offers a library of ideas and precautionary measures that businesses can deploy to resume activity and protect workers and customers.

Washington-Made PPE Marketplace by the Association of Washington Business

AWB's "[PPE Connect](#)" marketplace connects Washington employers with Washington manufacturers of protective equipment. Keep your workers safe and support Washington businesses by requesting PPE through AWB's marketplace. AWB has also published a [Safe Work Plan template](#) that may be a helpful starting point for your own internal communications.

COVID-19 Webinar Recordings by the Association of Washington Business

On the [May 29 webinar](#), ESD Commissioner Suzi LeVine briefed the audience on recovery of fraudulent unemployment benefits and Office of the Governor External Relations Director Nick Streuli presented on Safe Start progress. A panel of experts from state agencies responded live to audience questions.

"The Impact: Road to Recovery" series by TVW

The [latest episode](#) featured Nick Streuli, External Relations Director for the Office of the Governor. Mr. Streuli discussed the process for writing sector safety guidance, and progress of the Safe Start reopening plan.

Washington HCA Issues Statement on Health Equity and Social Justice

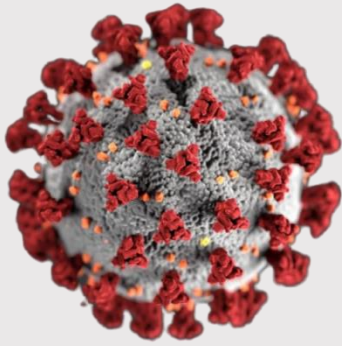
The following statement from the Washington Health Care Authority (HCA) is included in the daily brief as COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted people of color, according to data from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC).

"At the Health Care Authority (HCA), we know black lives matter, and we are not immune to the pain and struggle we are seeing manifested around the country. We see the deep inequities that exist in the physical and behavioral health care system, and the circumstances in which individuals live, work and play that determine health outcomes.

"We are reviewing our strategic approach to health equity. We strive to find meaningful and strategic ways to use our purchasing power to influence health outcomes, including making health care accessible and affordable to all who live in Washington. All of our work should be done through the lens of equity. This includes examining our hiring practices, our contracting practices, how we engage in outreach with communities on equity issues, and how we train our employees to understand and consider issues of health equity in their work.

"This work can only be done with humility and in authentic partnership with the communities that have been marginalized and oppressed. We are in the early stages of our own journey and recognize this will take more time than the current moment. We remain committed to the long-term goal of health equity."

For more information please read HCA's [statement](#).



CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Please note: The statistics are also available on the [Snohomish Health District website](#).

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help. For information to be texted to you, text **Coronavirus** to **211-211**.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of June 3, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:45 p.m.
Confirmed	3,016
Probable	412
Deceased	151

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:45 p.m.
Arlington	127 (117 recovered)
Bothell*	217 (197 recovered)
Brier	21 (20 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	349 (299 recovered)
Everett	1,013 (808 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	29 (23 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	123 (115 recovered)
Lynnwood	648 (561 recovered)
Marysville	254 (219 recovered)
Mill Creek	56 (46 recovered)
Monroe	86 (75 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	113 (100 recovered)
Mukilteo	65 (60 recovered)
Snohomish	162 (146 recovered)
Stanwood	105 (90 recovered)
Sultan	8 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	24 (20 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	12 (11 recovered)
Woodway	8 (8 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation. *Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.